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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Briefing of CIA Subcommittees of Senate Armed Services
and Senate Appropriations Committees - 12 April 1962**

1. The Director met with the joint CIA Subcommittees of Senate Armed Services and Senate Appropriations for approximately two hours beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, 12 April 1962. Present from the Subcommittees were: Senators Russell, Hayden, Stennis, Young and, for a short period, Chaves. William Darden, staff member, was present. Present from the Agency were:

John A. McCone
Huntington Sheldon
Herbert Scoville, Jr.

Arthur C. Lundahl
Desmond Fitzgerald
John S. Warner

No transcript was taken but there was a technical sweep of the room. Two Security guards were on duty.

2. The DCI opened the briefing with a discussion of the organizational changes within the Agency, discussing these for approximately 25 minutes. He touched on the major items such as: (a) concept of the DDCI as the Executive and General Manager; (b) proposed Deputy Director for Coordination; (c) establishment of an Executive Director as a chief of staff; (d) Comptroller and General Counsel placed where they are directly responsible to the Director; (e) the establishment of a Budget and Review Committee under the chairmanship of the Comptroller and placing of the Audit function under the over-all supervision of the Inspector General; (f) establishment of a Deputy Director for Research to deal with

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all aspects of scientific collection and to bring together all scientific talents previously dispersed in several parts of the Agency; (g) appointment of Mr. Helms as the Deputy Director for Plans which is the clandestine services and returning its function to one of collection of intelligence by the more traditional efforts of humans; establishment of an Assistant Director for Paramilitary and Air Support; appointment of Mr. Karamessines as a deputy to Mr. Helms; (h) some rearrangements in the DD/I which will strengthen this function which is closely related to our statutory responsibility for correlation, analysis and dissemination. Senator Russell commented that these changes appeared sound to him.

3. The question was raised concerning our covert operations. It was pointed out that these were thoroughly reviewed weekly in a group composed of General Taylor, Mr. Gilpatric from Defense, and Mr. Alexis Johnson from State and the Director of Central Intelligence and where matters were deemed appropriate they were then taken to the President.



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5. Mr. Lundahl gave approximately a half hour briefing on that information concerned with his function in which the Senators exhibited a lively interest.

6. Senator Russell again expressed his lack of knowledge of what NSA did, asking what is the line of demarcation between NSA and CIA. He stated he had never heard of any NSA results. Mr. McCone

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explained the COMINT and ELINT missions and that it was part of the Department of Defense with oversight from Assistant Secretary of Defense Ruble. Even after some explanation, Senator Russell said he could not see the difference between Agency and NSA functions and indicated he thought there was a great deal of duplication and he felt this duplication also occurred as between monitoring stations of the three Services. In fact, he turned to Senator Hayden and suggested that since Hayden gave them so much money the two of them should be more fully briefed. Mr. McCone said he would be glad to arrange such a briefing and Senator Russell stated he would like this very much. (Mr. Sheldon advised later that he would consider this question and take it up with the DCI.)

7. Mr. Fitzgerald then gave a briefing on the situation in Laos and North Vietnam including a briefing on CIA activities in the area. He developed in some detail the CIA support of the Meo tribe indicating we were now supplying approximately 12,500 Meos with arms, supplies and communications equipment.

8. Cuba was then discussed and indications of CIA activities with regard to Cuba. There was considerable discussion of the political bickering of the different Cuban refugee groups and the difficulties this caused. Senator Stennis asked about missile sites in Cuba and this was answered in the negative.

9. Senator Stennis referred to General Walker's testimony in which he stated that Walt Rostow had been in real command of CIA for many years. Mr. McCone stated he had never been employed by the Agency. Senator Stennis quickly added he was merely raising this in jest although he had press queries on whether he was going to look into this charge.

10. Dr. Scoville very quickly gave some details on two major programs under his jurisdiction. He indicated various schedules and some of the problems which might create slippage.

11. The briefing concluded at 12:45. Certainly the Senators present seemed extremely interested in the briefing and asked many questions to gain a better understanding of the various items.

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